these circumstances why she showed wish to put herself at
all into Mary Howitts hands I cannot discern. For myself I
am resolved not to open my mouth about Saunders or Mary
H. in connexion with the two [illegible], for I
am tired of being convinced first one way & then the other.
But [illegible] Maria to be very careful what she writes.
Let Douglass get what he can. He cant sell it after he
gets it & an open breach there would be an injury. Mary
Carpenter writes to S. May & evidently has great sympathy with
for Douglass, says he has never asked for contributions & that
they thought it not best to divide their [illegible]. You need have
no fear in Bristol. Dear Dr Estlin knows how to divide the word of
truth. I have seen an excellent letter from him to May which
he shewed me confidentially; he speaks very kindly of Miss G. & of
Douglass but says every one knows that Miss G. has not much
tact or knowledge of the world etc. The letter is full of confidences,
[illegible] appears to esteem them of the choicest kind. He warns
May from attaching too much importance to any thing Edm[?]
Quincy[?] says & then goes on to tell of the singularities of his
daughters such as they have been seen riding in a cab smo-
king cigars. He seemed to think this & similar absurdities right to
known. I think they are an unlikely set, so dont cultivate
Jemima too much. Be civil to every body of course, & above
all be careful what either Maria or yourself write, for I dont
think anybody but myself can be trusted with a private
letter. The Bell is going on pretty well. I think it will be
done in time but I fear it may be a stupid sort of an
affair. Russell Lowell may bring it up with a wet sail, as
his piece is yet to come in. Otherwise there will be no
fine [illegible]. I wish Lady Byron had been willing to put her
name in by time as the sentiments & language are good.
I see Henry Colman has returned; if I meet him I shall
ask him what Lady Byrons article was that he advised
her Ladyship not to send. I forgot to say that Douglass
[illegible] to Mary Howitt to know actually what Miss
Chapman [illegible]. R. D. Webb has a spicy piece for the
Bell called "Liverpool 50 years since". In it he tells all
about the Rathbones Rushtons etc. Houghton's is terribly stupid
[illegible] of it must go in. Mary Carpenter's garnished over with
quotations is not like her usual contributions. Quincy's pays.
A good piece of poetry has come from Edwin Chapman, a
Unitarian minister. It has gone in without my seeing it.

us I was away. I asked Douglas to write for the Bell as Webb suggested to us & I think he will. I have had one or two notes from Webb. He says he has sent de la Rue's Stationary through your Paris box: no it is not so either. It is to come direct from London. Webb says "I was so fortunate in meeting your sisters as to think them beyond what even I hoped for. So you may imagine what glory I was in. But it was no wonder I enjoyed my visit for I was made more of than I am used to be, and let us say what we will against flattery it is very gratifying to be made comfortable by it."

next Aug & in the
winter. I gave the
see that it cover
body on your backs
might all have a very good time together. Tell Maria
I treated Eliza with the greatest attention & she told me lots
of things & I was as romantic & shushy as ever in my presence
I cannot get up there tenderness for simply except with me
of the opposite sex. He sent me a letter of flowers in
[illegible] seems is expressed in such terms
[illegible] the profane expletive "
[illegible]
end of autumn come to Paris & pay the
please my heart, sympathy for I did not
do any of you any harm. I hate water
in England but I think in Paris you